

# Bill as Introduced

SB 357 - AS INTRODUCED

2012 SESSION

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COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

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17 when attending to the duties of the commission.

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19 amended, will affect the cost of delivering emergency medical services in New Hampshire communities.

20 III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.  
21 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the  
22 commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the  
23 commission shall constitute a quorum.

24 IV. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
25 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate  
26 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2013.

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# Committee Minutes

**SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Senator Jeb Bradley Chairman  
 Senator Tom De Blois V Chairman  
 Senator Molly Kelly  
 Senator Gary Lambert  
 Senator Andy Sanborn

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**Date: January 3, 2012**

**HEARINGS**

**Thursday**

**1/12/2012**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LOB 102

1:00 PM

(Name of Committee)

(Place)

(Time)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

1:00 PM	SB321-FN	relative to Medicaid payments to long-term care facilities.
1:15 PM	SB357	establishing a commission to study how the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2009, as amended, will affect emergency and ambulance providers.
1:30 PM	SB343-FN	establishing an independent board of psychologists.
1:45 PM	SB363	relative to criminal background checks for volunteers and employees at youth skill camps.

**Sponsors:**

**SB321-FN**

Sen. Jeanie Forrester	Sen. Jeb Bradley	Sen. Tom De Blois	Sen. Andy Sanborn
Sen. Gary Lambert	Rep. John Reagan	Rep. James Pilliod	Rep. Alida Millham
Rep. Robert Greemore	Rep. John Cebrowski		

**SB357**

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**SB343-FN**

Sen. Sharon Carson	Sen. Sylvia Larsen	Sen. Tom De Blois	Sen. Jeanie Forrester
Sen. John Gallus	Rep. Kenneth Weyler	Rep. Steven Winter	Rep. Randall Whitehead

**SB363**

Sen. Matthew Houde



# Health and Human Services Committee

## Hearing Report

*Sonja Caldwell, Legislative Aide*

**SB357** - *establishing a commission to study how the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2009, as amended, will affect emergency and ambulance providers.*

**Hearing date:** January 12, 2012

**Members present:** Sen. Bradley, Sen. Lambert

**Members absent:** Sen. DeBlois, Sen. Kelly, Sen. Sanborn

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**Sponsor(s):** Sen. Forrester, Dist 2; Sen. Lambert, Dist 13; Rep. Reagan, Rock 1; Rep. Pilliod, Belk 5; Rep. Greemore, Belk 3

**What the bill does:** This bill establishes a commission to study how the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2009, as amended, will affect the cost of delivering emergency medical services in New Hampshire communities.

**Who supports the bill:** Sen. Forrester, Justin Van Etten (NH Ambulance Assoc.)

**Who opposes the bill:** No one

### **Summary of testimony received:**

#### **Senator Forrester**

She introduced this bill on behalf of a constituent who sees the potential for a costly impact on communities. The constituent is here to answer questions.

#### **Justin Van Etten - NH Ambulance Association**

Supports the bill. The issue is that with passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, it is unclear what the impact on emergency medical services and ambulance providers will be. He said for Meredith, the cost in the first year could be \$50,000 - \$100,000. A lot of people have private insurance and we don't know how many will shift over to the public option. There could be a reduction in reimbursement rates.

There are federal funds available for the first few years of transition.

Only individual communities and their providing of 911 services will be affected by this. They want a committee that can react quickly to developments in Washington. He also wants to make sure we can get every federal dollar we can. They are the only ones that have to provide services; that's why they are singled out in this bill.

# Speakers



# Testimony

Testimony of Senator Jeanie Forrester

On SB357

Thank you Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee. For the record, my name is Jeanie Forrester Senator for District 2, which includes 31 communities in Belknap and Grafton counties.

I am here today to introduce SB357, an act establishing a Commission to study how the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2009, as amended, will affect emergency and ambulance providers. I am introducing this legislation on behalf of a constituent, who is in the emergency medical services business and sees the potential of a very costly impact on communities.

This bill establishes a commission to study how the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2009, as amended, will affect the cost of delivering emergency medical services in New Hampshire communities.

# Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SENATE  
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date: February 17, 2012

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred Senate Bill 357

AN ACT                    establishing a commission to study how the Patient  
Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2009, as amended,  
will affect emergency and ambulance providers.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill:

**BE REFERRED TO INTERIM STUDY**

BY A VOTE OF:    5-0

Senator Andy Sanborn  
For the Committee

Sonja Caldwell 271-2117

## New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

**Docket of SB357**

Docket Abbreviations

**Bill Title:** establishing a commission to study how the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2009, as amended, will affect emergency and ambulance providers.

*Official Docket of SB357:*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Body</b>	<b>Description</b>
1/1/2012	S	<b>Introduced</b> 1/4/2012 and Referred to Health and Human Services; <b>SJ 1</b> , Pg.13
1/3/2012	S	Hearing: 1/12/12, Room 102, LOB, 1:15 p.m.; <b>SC2</b>
2/21/2012	S	Committee Report: Referred to Interim Study, 3/7/12; <b>SC9</b>
3/7/2012	S	Refer to Interim Study, MF, VV; <b>SJ 6</b> , Pg.162
3/7/2012	S	Sen. Forrester Moved Ought to Pass; <b>SJ 6</b> , Pg.162
3/7/2012	S	Ought to Pass: MA, VV; OT3rdg; <b>SJ 6</b> , Pg.162
3/8/2012	H	Introduced and Referred to Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs; <b>HJ 23</b> , PG.1448
3/15/2012	H	Public Hearing: 4/3/2012 1:00 PM LOB 205
4/3/2012	H	Executive Session: 4/17/2012 10:00 AM LOB 205
4/18/2012	H	Majority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for April 25 (Vote 12-6; RC); <b>HC 33</b> , PG.1925
4/18/2012	H	Minority Committee Report: Ought to Pass; <b>HC 33</b> , PG.1925
4/25/2012	H	Inexpedient to Legislate: MA DIV 238-53

NH House

NH Senate



# Other Referrals

# COMMITTEE REPORT FILE INVENTORY

SB 357 ORIGINAL REFERRAL \_\_\_\_\_ RE-REFERRAL

1. THIS INVENTORY IS TO BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE COMMITTEE AIDE AND PLACED INSIDE THE FOLDER AS THE FIRST ITEM IN THE COMMITTEE FILE.
2. PLACE ALL DOCUMENTS IN THE FOLDER FOLLOWING THE INVENTORY IN THE ORDER LISTED.
3. THE DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE AN "X" BESIDE THEM ARE CONFIRMED AS BEING IN THE FOLDER.
4. THE COMPLETED FILE IS THEN DELIVERED TO THE CALENDAR CLERK.

- DOCKET (Submit only the latest docket found in Bill Status)
- COMMITTEE REPORT
- CALENDAR NOTICE
- HEARING REPORT
- HANDOUTS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING
- PREPARED TESTIMONY AND OTHER SUBMISSIONS
- SIGN-UP SHEET(S)

ALL AMENDMENTS (passed or not) CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE:

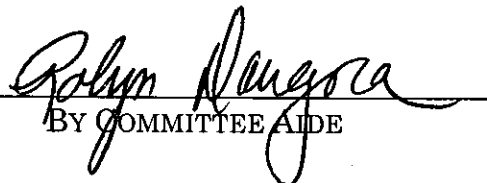
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ALL AVAILABLE VERSIONS OF THE BILL:

AS INTRODUCED    N/A AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE  
N/A FINAL VERSION    N/A AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER (Anything else deemed important but not listed above, such as amended fiscal notes): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE DELIVERED TO SENATE CLERK 5/31/12

  
 BY COMMITTEE AIDE